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CROWD OF 800 TURNS OUT TO SEE VISITORS FROM JAPAN PRACTISE

Rewarded by Seeing Captain Clout Ball Twice Over Far Left Field Fence

"Talk about baseball being dead in Honolulu! You ought to have seen 800 people out at Athletic park yesterday afternoon to watch the Meiji practise!"

Sam Hop, shining light of the new International League and veteran pro moter, voiced the above today. Sam thinks that when the visiting Japanese and the Hawaiians start the series next Saturday afternoon the park will hold one of the biggest crowds it has ever seen.

Yesterday the Meiji indulged in both batting and fielding practice. At the last they wallowed the pill hard on numerous occasions. Twice the Meiji captain knocked the ball over the left field fence, and local fans know it takes some punch to do that. O. Fujie, the captain and second baseman, is said to be one of the fastest players in Japan.

Tickets are on sale at the Hawaiian Drug Company, Hotel and Bethel streets, and are going fast.

The International League had a meeting last evening at Athletic park, with Vice-President Johnny Nottley in the chair, and Bill Raposo as secretary. The team managers and others were there to talk the new baseball venture over.



O. Fujie, captain and second-sacker of the Meiji.

CRITIC WHO WATCHES MEIJI LADS PLAY IS IMPRESSED WITH ABILITY

Although still a little stiff from their long sea voyage, the Meiji ball players are working hard to get in condition and should be pretty well limbered up and back to form when Saturday's game turns up. In practice they work out with plenty of snap and never die on their feet, as many of the local players are apt to do now and then.

The Meiji boys eat up the grounders on the run, tearing in on them full tilt and taking a chance at judging the bounce correctly. This sort of play sometimes leads to errors, but it makes baseball worth while and tends to build up a playing instinct. Ikeda, covering the difficult angle, showed up a trifle faster than the rest of the visitors. He seems to have a basket in place of a glove and nabs them at all angles and coming at all speeds, the low ramblers and the high hot ones are all alike to him, and he gets away with his peg before his feet are fairly on the ground again. This is the sort of play which has made such men as Hsi Chase and the great Hans Wagner terrible on the defense.

Eblauka, behind the plate, promises to be effective. He keeps his eye well on the ball, appears cool and gets away with a short, deadly peg to second, which is apt to cut off a good many ambitious base runners at the keystone sack. Of course it is hard to judge a team until it is actually up against the strain of competition, but from all signs so far the Meiji boys will carry the war to the enemy all the time.

What they can do on the offensive is yet to be seen, and although their batting averages at home are not very promising, still, as they show up better abroad than they do at home, there is no telling what havoc they will work with the local leaguers.

Among the pitchers who have worked out so far among the visitors, Nakamura seems to be a bit stronger and surer than the others. This is the department of the game wherein the Japanese of the past have often failed to come up to par, but Nakamura looks like a pretty thorough exception to the rule. He puts a lot of steam behind the ball and keeps his twists breaking in well-controlled fashion.

NOT MUCH NEED FOR THIS RULE OUT AT WAIKIKI

NEW YORK, August 1.—Convinced that the freedom of action of a swimmer's limbs in competition is of paramount importance, members of the National Women's Life Saving League have frowned upon the suggestion that stockings should be worn by all girls in swimming races. This action is the result of inquiries made by Miss Charlotte Epstein, secretary of the National Women's Life Saving League, and Miss Katherine F. Mehrrens, arbiter of the Amateur Athletic Union on all matters concerning women swimmers.

Miss Epstein and Miss Mehrrens learned through personal conversations with many of the league's members and A. A. U. girls, who take part in speed contests in the water, that swimming at racing pace with stockings is a handicap. Water soaked stockings tire the legs, interfere with a natural, free movement of the muscles, and cause distress to the wearer. In consequence Miss Epstein and Miss Mehrrens have decided not to encourage those who urge the use of them in races. So henceforth all girls taking part in races promoted by the National Women's Life Saving League or others held under the sanction of the Amateur Athletic Union may consult their own individual views in the matter of wearing or not wearing stockings in water competitions.

The annual race of the National Women's Life Saving League has been scheduled for decision at Chisholm's bathing pavilion, Sheephead Bay, August 22. The program will include a rescue competition, a fancy diving event, sprint, middle distance, and distance swims.

Pastor Uses Motorcycle on Tour.

The Rev. B. H. Cheney, pastor of the Berea Congregational church of Davenport, Ia., attended the world's Christian Endeavor convention at Chicago, riding a motorcycle from his home town to the Windy City.

SURFING CRAZE IS SPREADING ON MAINLAND

Boards Now in Use at Most of the California Beaches, and Their Popularity Grows

Surfboards, the distinctive feature of Waikiki beach, are in the way of coming into universal use on every beach on the North American Pacific coast where there is a good surf. Already they have become very popular along the great beaches of the South California coast. At Ocean Park, Venice, Long Beach and a dozen other swimming resorts, the boards are now a familiar spectacle.

Cliff Cole, the champion high diver of the Pacific coast, who made a visit here not long ago and gave some exhibition diving, when back across the waters full of enthusiasm for the tumbles and excitement of the gay sport. Almost every day he is on the California beaches with his board and a crowd of imitators follow him about.

While the surf in these places does not break so far away as it does on Waikiki beach and consequently does not offer such opportunities for riding, still the new feature opens up twice the possibilities of the old surf bathing.

A great stimulus has been given to surfboard riding by Duke Kahanamoku, who carried his trips to the coast on several of his trips to the coast. Wherever Duke appeared with it a great crowd gathered on the beaches to marvel at the ease with which he stood upright and rode the bucking waves as skillfully as a cowboy rides a broncho. Everywhere he was besieged with pupils anxious to learn his methods and his skill with the board is already a popular legend in a dozen great resorts.

CHAMPIONSHIP ON GARDEN ISLE FOR M'BRYDES

The McBrydes are champions of the 1915 baseball season on Kauai, says the Garden Island.

In the game Sunday afternoon on Elele field they defeated the Makawells 5 to 1, giving them the second series. They had won the first series, so that there will be no play-off game.

The crowd at Elele was only fairly large, so many of the prominent fans being away from the island. In the first inning the Makawells got one across the plate, but they failed to score after that. The champions scored twice in the fourth, once in the sixth and twice in the eighth.

The game was practically without features. It was remarked, however, that the Makawells seemed to be considerably out of form.

The score by innings was as follows: McBryde 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 2 0—5 Makawell 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 J. A. C.'s Failed.

The J. A. C. players failed to show up in Lihue for their game with the locals. As it was understood in advance, however, that they would not, only a few stragglers turned up at the baseball park.

The standing of the teams at the close is as follows: McBryde, first; Makawell, second; J. A. C. and Lihue tied.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES IN THE BIG LEAGUES

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Boston—Boston 3, St. Louis 1.
At New York—Cincinnati 7, New York 4.
At Philadelphia—Pittsburg 8, Philadelphia 4.
At Brooklyn—Chicago 9, Brooklyn 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Cleveland—Cleveland 3, Washington 0.
At Detroit—Detroit 4, Philadelphia 1.
At Chicago—Chicago 5, Boston 3.

HOW THEY STAND

| National League. | | | |
|------------------|----|----|------|
| | W. | L. | Pct. |
| Philadelphia | 55 | 47 | .539 |
| Brooklyn | 58 | 51 | .532 |
| Cincinnati | 50 | 48 | .510 |
| Pittsburg | 56 | 54 | .509 |
| Chicago | 53 | 52 | .505 |
| Boston | 52 | 54 | .495 |
| St. Louis | 52 | 56 | .481 |
| New York | 48 | 53 | .472 |

| American League. | | | |
|------------------|----|----|------|
| | W. | L. | Pct. |
| Boston | 69 | 26 | .657 |
| Detroit | 71 | 29 | .646 |
| Chicago | 66 | 41 | .617 |
| New York | 51 | 51 | .500 |
| Washington | 53 | 54 | .495 |
| Cleveland | 41 | 67 | .380 |
| St. Louis | 41 | 67 | .380 |
| Philadelphia | 35 | 70 | .333 |

LEARN HOW TO SWIM

In a Series of Ten Articles, Famous Expert Louis De B. Handley of the N. Y. A. C., Gives Advice to Beginners and Veterans.

Article No. 8.—Graceful and Fancy Diving.

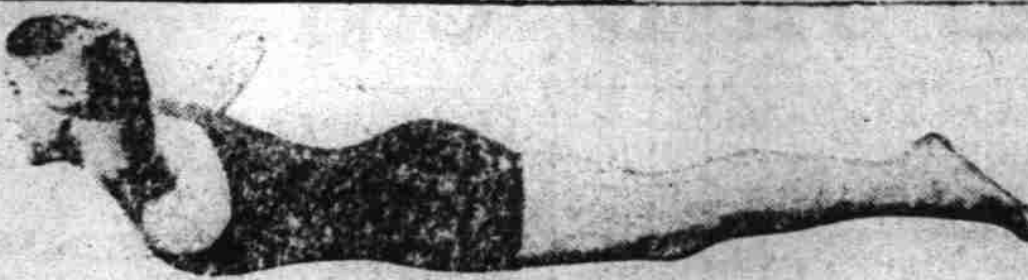


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FANCY DIVING.

Position to assume in the plain front dive on leaving the board. Spring up and out, head taken back, arms straight out at the sides, legs out straight and closed together, feet pointed back.

By LOUIS DE B. HANDLEY.
Among the various forms of water sports there is none which offers more enjoyable and beneficial recreation than does fancy diving.

It is a pleasurable means of developing the body thoroughly and symmetrically. It provides interesting and ever new pastime to its devotees, and after fair proficiency has been gained it affords a constant opportunity to entertain others.

The sport has no sex or age limitations either. Women and children readily acquire skill, for their suppleness and suppleness of muscle fit them eminently for the graceful work prescribed, and people beyond youth find it within their scope to develop good form, at least in the easier dives.

Of course some possess in greater degree than others those natural attributes which spell success, and the old saying that champions are born, not made, is applicable. Nevertheless it is possible for any healthy, normal individual to master the art of diving sufficiently well to make its pursuit worth while.

Good diving, in fact, is chiefly a matter of correct timing of movement and body control, both obtainable through practice. The novice is rather trying, for before the beginner has learned to enter the water cleanly he is bound to suffer a few slaps and jolts, but if a low springboard is used, as it should be, the punishment is not severe, and one soon finds the way to avoid it.

The preliminary work is excellent training for body and mind in truth. It brings into play every set of muscles, placing upon each its full share of the effort; it schools the brain to think quickly and accurately; it tends to develop that enviable quality—nerve.

There is a marked disposition among novices nowadays to attempt the first some difficult dives which strike their fancy, and the practice cannot be too strongly condemned. Apart from the fact that recklessness is often the cause of injury, nothing is gained by rushing ahead before undergoing the indispensable period of elementary work.

In order to perform properly any one of the complicated dives it is essential to be able to adjust the position of the body for a clean entry mechanically, instinctively, and this knack comes only after careful and persistent study of the plain front and back dives.

It is therefore all important to devote every attention to these fundamental principles before proceeding further and not even to attempt any else until one is absolutely sure of consistent and almost perfect execution.

The front dive is usually taken at a run, for more action is then obtainable, but it is best to practise it first from standing position. Walk out to the end of the springboard, place both feet together, heels touching and toes bent over the edge; then raise the head, square the shoulders and either place the hands on the hips or stretch the arms forward and parallel at right angles to the body. The attitude should be graceful and unstrained.

Now bring the arms sharply down and back, raising simultaneously on tiptoe; then swing them quickly forward and spring up and out, launching yourself with head erect, body slightly arched, legs straight and close, feet pointing back.

This position is maintained until the downward curve brings one near the water, when the head is lowered a trifle, so that the entire body may pierce the surface forming a straight line, shaftlike, at an angle of from 50 to 90 degrees.

Prevalent faults to be avoided are moving the arms or ducking the head to prevent a slap in striking the water, bending at the waist while in flight, throwing back the lower legs in midair or in entering before they are fully submerged.

For the back dive the body is held similarly in starting, but the shoulders are turned to the water, and the heels, instead of the toes, protrude over the end of the board. Again, one springs up and out, raising the head and hollowing the back, then straightening to enter.

Usual faults incurred are twisting the body in any way to get a glimpse of the water, bending at the waist or knees, failing to point the toes, opening the legs and holding the head too low.

The jackknives, forward and back, which may be tackled next, are variations of the plain front dive. Although the former is made facing the water,

the latter with shoulders turned to it, both call for an upward and outward leap, a folding of the body in midair so that the hands and feet nearly meet, an almost vertical entry.

Good rise is required to perform the jackknives, and the aim should be to so control the movements that the hips travel upward faster than the head, thus throwing the body without effort into the wanted fold.

It is not considered good form in jacking to hit the water more than six feet from the end of the board, but the beginner should on no account attempt to live up to this rule, especially in practicing the back jack, for there is danger of collision and serious injury.

The most common fault in performing the jackknives is to bend the knees, and this quite spoils their appearance, so it is advisable while learning them to do some limbering exercise on land, such as leaning over repeatedly to touch the floor with the palms.

All fancy dives are composed of somersaults and twists, and it is profitable before taking them up to seek out an expert gymnast and first inquire about the particular functions of each part of the body in executing them, then practise a few somersaults on land, supported by the apparatus used for beginners in all gymnasiums.

This work should be temporary, however, and just enough of it should be done to gain a general idea of the action. After that it is wise to stick entirely to diving, for the leg and foot work at the end of a tumble is very different from the one prescribed for a clean entry in the water.

There are two ways of executing the somersaults—by tuck and by layout. The former is the easier and should be favored by novices.

For the front somersault by tuck the arms are bent so that the elbows are close to the sides and the hands raised a little above the shoulders and eight or ten inches before them. Then in leaping up and out the hands are brought down smartly and the elbows swung back, the head is jammed down on the chest, and the legs are crooked so that the knees are pressed against the stomach. Thus rolled up, tucked, the body spins around in the air, unfolds as the somersault is completed and enters the water fully outstretched.

The tuck for the back somersault is made by throwing the head, shoulders and arms up and backward instead of forward and down, but the legs are used in the same manner.

In both the layouts the turning momentum is gained by throwing the arms and head and bending the body at the waist, but the legs are held straight after leaving the board, and the diver should aim at performing the circling flight as nearly erect as possible.

The twists are introduced in plain and fancy dives to make them more spectacular and may be attacked as soon as proficiency in the former has been attained. They consist of a lateral roll of the body while in flight. A half twist entails a roll which will give a back entry from a forward dive, and vice versa. A full twist, or cork-screw, is made by completing the turn, so that take-off and entry are the same.

No twist should be started before the feet leave the board, and the rolling impetus should be imparted by the waist and shoulders only, for if arms and legs are brought into play they invariably scissor and ruin the dive.

Work from an elevated platform should never be attempted by the inexperienced, and even a skilled diver will avoid punishment and possible injury by increasing his height gradually.

An all important thing in high diving is to remember to compose for the entry. On nearing the water the hands should be brought together over the head palms down, the thumbs interlocked and the arms stiffened hard. The impact is so great in striking that unless this is done the shoulders may be thrown out of joint and a hard blow dealt to the top of the head.

The body is held straight and rigid until the feet are covered; then the muscles are relaxed, the head and arms are raised, and this brings you promptly to the surface. The shift of position should not be too sudden, however, or the back may be strained.

The One With the Eyeglass—said: "What have you for dinner?" "Everything," said the waiter. "Bring it in." "One order of hash," yelled the waiter. The Auk.

4TH CAVALRY LOSES GAMEY SCRAP TO 1ST INFANTRY IN TENTH INNING

Mounted Men Not Entirely Out of Running, Is Opinion of Witnesses of the Game

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS LEAGUE.

Standing of Teams.

| | W. | L. | Pct. |
|---------------------|----|----|------|
| 1st Infantry | 37 | 4 | 1000 |
| 25th Infantry | 2 | 1 | 667 |
| 4th Cavalry | 1 | 3 | 250 |
| 1st Field Artillery | 0 | 3 | 000 |

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

1st Infantry 5, 4th Cavalry 4.

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Aug. 19.—The ten inning game yesterday between the 4th Cavalry and 1st Infantry showed that the mounted service teams are not entirely out of the running, and that the two infantry teams will have to keep up a strong fight to keep the big lead they have already gained.

The 4th Cavalry team batted the 1st Infantry pitchers all over the lot and it was only a few bonehead plays that stood between them and the winning of the game. Both teams figured in some sensational fielding which, with the closeness of the contest, kept the fans wide awake from beginning to end.

The 1st Infantry scored a run in the first frame. The cavalry scored two and knocked Schubert out of the box. York replaced him and held the cavalry at bay for seven innings while the doughboys gradually ran up a score of four.

Bases Were Full.

In the last half of the ninth the cavalrymen got busy with York. It looked bad for the infantry team when singles by Hornung, Morton and Hayes filled the bases with no one out. Sadler relieved York on the

mound and pitched himself out of a hole, but not before the cavalry had scored two runs and tied the score. A single by Grammitt scored Hornung, and Roach, who batted for Shanley, drew a pass, forcing in the tying run. To Sadler must be given the credit of saving the game.

In the tenth, Judd, the fast 1st Infantry left-fielder, got to first on a scratch hit, stole second and scored the winning run on Gallagher's hit to right.

Put Morton on Short.
Morton, who has been playing first base for the cavalry, was switched to short and played a star game. The clever way in which he backed up third base robbed the doughboys of at least two runs.

The Score:
1st Inf. 10 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1—5 7 3
4th Cav. 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0—4 5

Batteries.—For the 1st Infantry, Schubert, York, Sadler and Gallagher; for the 4th Cavalry, Hornung, Clark and Grammitt. Struck out, by Schubert 6, by York 9, by Sadler 3, by Hornung 3. Base on balls, off Schubert 0, off York 3, off Sadler 1, off Hornung 3. Wild pitch, York 1. Passed balls, Grammitt, 1. Home runs, Madden and Hornung. Two-base hits, Heaton, Singles, Hines 2, Hayes 2, Heaton, Sadler, Rowan, Buckland, Hornung, Grammitt, Gallagher and Morton. Sacrifice hits, Clarke, Judd, Buckland and Madden. Double play, Sadler to Stratton. Umpire, Collins and Donahue.

Next Game.

The next game will be Saturday afternoon, when the 25th Infantry will play the wagon soldiers, and a stiff battle is predicted as the latter are anxious to get the goose egg out of the games column. The Portuguese will journey out to play the 1st Infantry on Sunday afternoon.

RICHARDS MADE FINE SHOWING IN BIG MAINLAND TOURNAMENTS

Won Doubles Championship in New England With Cushing—Entered in New York

J. A. Richards returned Tuesday on the Matsushita after his year at Wesleyan. During the spring and summer tennis seasons he was a prominent participant in many of the big tournaments.

Richards' most notable success was in the New England championships where, playing with Cushing, he won the doubles championship. He played again in the New York state championships and was beaten only by McElroy, who finally won the tournament, after three hard sets with the score standing 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

His last match was at the great

Longworth tournament, the oldest tennis tournament in America. Here he found the going beyond his depth, for he was up against the best tennis players in the world. Even in this company, however, he lasted well and managed to reach the fourth round, when he was beaten by Clarence Griffin, the well known athlete from San Francisco.

The local tennis season is nearly at an end, but Richards will take part in the few remaining matches. The most important of these is to be played for the Hall cup in September and here he will find stiff competition from A. L. Castle and W. N. Eklund, the latter being the present champion of the islands, and the former a dangerous man on any court. Several others of the local stars may also enter these matches.

LOVE LETTERS OF 'DEATH VALLEY JIM' MADE OVER INTO LOVE LYRICS

That "Death Valley Jim" Scott of the Chicago White Sox, who came here last winter with the Venice Tigers, had that "spark o' nature's fire" which enables him to write letters so full of fire as to cause a dry attorney to translate them into "glowing verse," is not known to many of his Honolulu friends.

In fact no one ever knew much about the pitcher's poetic traits, save possibly Miss Mabel Mae Bailey, the Chicago manicurist who came with Jim when he made the visit to the islands last winter, and who used to go joy-riding with him in the big touring car that he brought over.

It was the general belief of everybody interested in the question that Scott and Miss Bailey were to be married as soon as they had returned to the mainland, but for some reason they were not, and now Miss Bailey has secured the services of Attorney George C. Guthrie of Chicago, and has brought suit against the ball player for \$25,000 in a breach of promise case.

The story, as printed in the Chicago Examiner, contains love lyrics which Guthrie has translated from Scott's letters to Miss Bailey.

The letters themselves could not be submitted to court, Guthrie claims. "The Busher" who writes poetry in Ring W. Lardner's Saturday Evening Post stories, has nothing on "Death Valley Jim," as the accompanying lines will show. They are of the true "You know me Al" variety.

WATCH PITCHERS FEET WHEN YOU WANT TO "STEAL"

"More bases should be stolen in this league."

That's one of the mottoes of Clarence Rowland, the White Sox pilot. And he says it with all respect to the catchers.

"The odds should all favor the runner," says Rowland. "That is, they should if he really knows how to run bases. Most base runners who try to steal and don't get away with it don't

Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday.
My dearest Mae, comes now the day—
The last in this old town:
I leave tonight at candle light
Without regret or frown—
Because, I know each day shall be
Nearer and nearer, Mae, to thee—
To good times—joy and ecstasy!

Just three days more and then for sure
We'll see a real live town;
A happy Jim will be then—
As happy as a clown;
But there is Oakland, where they say
Our boys are scheduled for a stay—
But I want Frisco town—and Mae!

And, by the way, just let me say
Our Honolulu friends—
(Waikiki's guests) you know the rest—
Her hearty wishes sends;
She, too, in Frisco soon will be
With hubby, and with you and me,
And then we'll cook some jubilee.

I'll have to close and seek repose
But I will write you, Mae,
At every turn, but do not frown
If I should miss a day;
I'd have you know where'er I go—
E'en to the big world's rim—
You have the love, my dearest one
Of big "Death Valley Jim."

"When Miss Bailey," says the Examiner, "saw the verses, she blushed and said:

"Yes, that's the way Jim used to write and talk."

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